

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, S Williamson, Mrs. D Halfhide, Mrs A Willans, Mrs K Howard, W VanDriessche, S. Winwright  
 City Councillors N Simons, S Allen  
 0 members of the public.  
 Public discussion – none

**2300/22-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies from City Councillor R Ray, Thorney Parish Councillors N. Potts, J Shearman

**2301/22-23 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations**

To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time

**2302/22-23 To approve minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2022**

Minutes of the Council meeting and bank reconciliation held on 14 November 2022 were confirmed and signed by Chairman

**2303/22-23 Matters arising from minutes and reports**

Meeting of committee concerning complaint held 17 November and concluded

**2304/22-23 Report from City Councillors.**

Discussion concerning Whittlesey Road and traffic surveys concerning number of lorries coming through the village via this road. Alternative route through quarry sites to exit Willow Hall Lane onto A47 are being considered

**2305/22-23 Finance**

The following were received in November/December

Foodbank	£56.00
Allotments	£150.00
Cemetery	£925.00

To approve the following paid in December

Salaries		£2975.57	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office		£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment		£34.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£419.76	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£1329.26	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£59.14	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs for September	£9.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cemetery	Petrol, Travel costs	£	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
Cambs ACRE	Membership fee	£57.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Foodbank	Grocery top-up	£58.16	
CPALC	Training	£30.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142

	Computer repair, stamp swap out	£53.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Wave	Water charges allotments	£108.11	Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Wave	Water charges cemetery	£15.29	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.

1. To approve accounts for payment – circulated to Councillors before meeting - approved
2. Monthly bank reconciliation - circulated – approved.
3. Request from Abbey to fund clock striking mechanism. This was discussed and conditionally agreed that Thorney Parish Council would fund the clock repair mechanism from the CIL account for £3,570.00 provided the Parochial Church Council can verify that other funding sources such as the Church of England Grants for historic church, bells and bell frames, and Wrydecroft Windfarm sources have been turned down/not available following an application for repair. The amount will be limited to that given on the quote from Smith of Derby and any further costs would have to be paid by the Abbey
4. LGSS Pensions 2022 Valuation Contributions Rate – agree contribution from April 2023 This new rate is the same that we contribute at present. Agreed
5. Notification that charges for skip hire at cemetery are to increase
6. EO2-22 National salary award information from NALC

### **2306/22-23 Planning Approvals and Refusals**

22/00858/FUL for Conversion of a redundant agricultural grain store to form no. 2 dwellings. at Knarr Cross Farm Thorney Dyke Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

22/00874/FUL for Proposed conversion of multiple courtyard style agricultural buildings to form no. 3 dwellings. at Knarr Cross Farm Thorney Dyke Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

22/01372/HHFUL for Proposed replacement pitched roof over existing garage and double oak framed carport extension at 53 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SA Decision: Permitted

22/01491/PRIOR for Demolition of workshop at Land To The Rear Of 61 Station Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted - Prior Approval

22/01438/LBC for Replace existing timber window at roof level to rear of building with hardwood windows and replace existing timber doors to hardwood doors at 1st floor level at 3 Abbey Place Thorney Peterborough PE6 0QA Decision: Permitted

### **2307/22-23 Planning Applications and other matters**

22/01589/HHFUL 126 Wisbech Road Thorney - Demolition of existing glazed rear porch, erection of new entrance porch. Removal of mono pitched roof and construction of new pitched roof with gable end over whole rear extension – no objections

22/01563/HHFUL - The White House 87 Station Road Thorney Alterations from detached garage with storage to first floor to residential annex – no objections

### **2308/22- 23 Burial Authority**

War grave in Whittlesey Road cemetery – agreed to display notice

### **2309/22-23 Roads and Footpaths**

1. Speedwatch – continuing throughout village
2. Whittlesey Road – discussion ongoing concerning number of lorries through village - in excess of 20 per hour on recent surveys
3. Gully clearing – to check with Peterborough City Council to see if gullies on Wisbech Road North footpath are maintained. The gullies on the roadside have been recently emptied but not those that are at the bottom of the grass bank that adjoins the footpath. These are important to local householders as the rainwater discharged from property roofs flood

across the footpath to the gullies

### **2310/22-23 Allotments**

Some vandalism has occurred on one allotment

### **2311/22-23 Village matters**

#### 1. Warm hub

- a. 23<sup>rd</sup> December is a bap and chat event at Bedford Hall. Posters to be displayed around village

Recent Good Neighbours meeting is considering less than a weekly hub (these are separate from the locally organised events) because lack of volunteers. Further discussion to be held to determine best day of the week for warm hubs to be held. Some food requirements being co-ordinated via foodbank

- b. Insurance. The council are covered to run a warm hub, and our insurers don't need any further details. Just ensure that the usual risk assessment is carried out in advance of this and kept on file.

#### 2. Police surgery – Parish Room to be made available should Police Officers wish to use it for a surgery

### **2312/22-23 Pavilion Update**

Determine when quotations to be requested – left to next meeting

### **2313/22-23 Policy on Co-option**

A draft policy was circulated before the meeting. Certain criteria can be taken from Councillor skill audit completed earlier in year. Two Councillors to co-ordinate for next meeting

### **2314/22-23 email policy and procedures**

Thorney Parish Council is now using Microsoft outlook as its preferred email service. The main email address for the Council is provided and controlled by Peterborough City Council. Individual Members email addresses are administered from our own server system.

How the email software works is not readily understood by all and can, therefore, sometimes throw up unwanted messages. A Councillor familiar with Outlook to give a presentation/training session to February meeting. Agreed to start at 6.30 on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to follow starting at 7pm.

### **2315/22-23 Code of Conduct for Thorney Parish Council – update**

The code Peterborough City Council would like us to adopt was circulated prior to the meeting along with a PowerPoint presentation that was used for Councillor training in September. Some Councillors attended this zoom session.

Many changes from our adopted code Policy Document number 4

Of particular importance in the new code suggested by Peterborough City Council is:

As a Councillor:

I undertake Code of Conduct training provided by my local authority on an annual basis and apply its principles in all aspects of my work as a councillor.

I cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and/or determination.

I do not intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is likely to be involved with the administration of any investigation or proceedings.

I comply with any sanction imposed on me following a finding that I have breached the Code of Conduct.

Agreed to accept the Peterborough City Council recommended Code of Conduct.

### **2316/22-23 Complaints policy review and update**

For the first time in living memory our complaints procedure was used. In our procedure the complainant has the option to refer for future investigation to the Electoral Officer at Peterborough City Council once

determination has been made by Thorney Parish Council. No such option exists for those complained about if they feel the determination is not correct.

**2317/22-23 Facebook Posts**

Link to be sent for display on social media for agendas and minutes

**2318/22-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

Coronation celebrations

**2319/22-23 Parish Council business**

Dr Anderson to be requested to speak to members of Thorney Parish Council

Pode Hole Quarry – 10-year plan to move site to other side of A47

**2320/22-23 Date of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to be held in Parish Room. Meeting ended 9.06pm